

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A gift mediation system that implements gift mediation via a network through access to data storage means, which is provided on a server and stores predetermined data therein,

said gift mediation system comprising:

first memory means that stores registry of information on a recipient, who is expected to receive gift, together with individual information used for authentication on the network;

second memory means that stores a password used to authenticate a giver who desires to give the gift on the network;

permission means that identifies the individual information in response to a requirement for access via the network and gives authorization to access said data storage means via the network when identity with at least part of the individual information registered in said first memory means is verified;

wish list registry means that registers a wish list including at least one item for the gift into said data storage means by the authorized access;

wherein the password used to authenticate ~~the~~ each giver is registered by a registrant of the wish list and transmitted to ~~the~~ that giver, so as to allow secure access to the wish list by ~~the~~ that giver without ~~the~~ that giver's registration;

the system further comprising wish list reference means that allows the wish list to be referred to by the ~~giver~~ givers, via the network, when the giver that receives the password stored in said second memory means, registered by the registrant of the wish list, inputs the password received by ~~that giver~~ via the network,

said application means further comprising partial payment application means that allows an offer of partial payment for a specific item displayed by said display means to be offered by a first giver accessing using the password transmitted to that first giver and offers of partial payment for the specific item to be offered by other givers accessing using passwords respectively transmitted to those givers;

said partial payment means including

means for invoicing said first giver and said other givers for the partial payments offered by the first giver and said other givers when the partial payments total add up to a total price for the specific item; and

means for causing the specific item to be sent to the recipient upon payment of the partial payments, adding up to the total price for the specific item, by the first giver and the other givers.

2. (Original) A gift mediation system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said first memory means comprises means that stores registry of information on at least two recipients together with individual information on a single individual.

3. (Previously Presented) A gift mediation system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said first memory means comprises:

event registry means that registers a type of event for the gift; and
means that stores registry of information on a plurality of recipients together with individual information on a single individual when the type of event registered in said event registry means coincides with a preset event involving the plurality of recipients.

4. (Previously Presented) A gift mediation system in accordance with claim 1, said gift mediation system further comprising:

address registry means that registers an address of the giver who desires to give the gift;
and

notification means that notifies the address registered by said address registry means of the password and information on a procedure of gaining access to said data storage means, on completion of the registry by said wish list registry means.

5. (Previously Presented) A gift mediation system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said wish list registry means comprises:

item information storage means that individually stores information on a plurality of items;

item selection means that causes at least one item to be selected among the plurality of items stored in said item information storage means; and

enumerative display means that displays the wish list of the at least one item selected by said item selection means in an enumerative manner.

6. (Original) A gift mediation system in accordance with claim 5, wherein said item information storage means comprises means that stores information on each item with its category in said item information storage means and displays the stored information on the plurality of items classified by the category for selection of the at least one item by said item selection means.

7. (Previously Presented) A gift mediation system in accordance with claim 5, wherein said item information storage means stores at least information on a price of each item and a photographic image representing appearance of each item, and

said enumerative display means displays the photographic image of the appearance of each item in a magnifiable manner.

8. (Previously Presented) A gift mediation system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said wish list registry means comprises:

item information acquisition means that obtains information on items from another data storage means, which is present on the network, together with information for identifying said another data storage means; and

enumerative display means that extracts at least information on a price of each item and the information for identifying said another data storage means among the information on the items obtained by said item information acquisition means, and displays the extracted information in an enumerative manner.

9. (Previously Presented) A gift mediation system in accordance with claim 5, wherein said enumerative display means comprises means that displays a 'Delete' button to instruct deletion of a specified item from the registered wish list.

10. (Previously Presented) A gift mediation system in accordance with claim 1, said gift mediation system further comprising:

display means that displays the wish list of the at least one item registered by said wish list registry means in an enumerative manner, in response to access using the password;

application means that individually accepts an offer of payment for each item included in the displayed wish list; and

offer record display means that displays an offer record of the item for which the payment has been offered.

11. (Currently Amended) A gift mediation system in accordance with claim 10, wherein ~~said application means comprises partial payment application means that allows partial payment for a specific item displayed by said display means to be offered by the access using the password,~~

said gift mediation system further comprising:

total pay offer display means that displays a total of pay offer for the specific item.

12. (Previously Presented) A gift mediation system in accordance with claim 10, said gift mediation system further comprising:

payment demand means that requires a giver who has offered the payment to actually pay for the item for which the payment has been offered.

13. (Previously Presented) A gift mediation system in accordance with claim 10, said gift mediation system further comprising:

detailed information display means that displays the wish list of the at least one item registered by said wish list registry means in an enumerative manner, as well as information for authenticating the giver who has offered the payment with regard to the item for which the payment has been offered, in response to the access via the network authorized by said permission means.

14. (Previously Presented) A gift mediation system in accordance with claim 10, said gift mediation system further comprising:

due time memory means that stores a due time of access to said data storage means;

due time detection means that detects elapse of the due time; and

notification means that notifies a registrant who has registered the wish list of information on the item for which the payment has been offered, in response to the detection of the elapse of the due time.

15. (Original) A gift mediation system in accordance with claim 14, wherein said first memory means comprises means that stores registry of an address for delivery of the item for which the payment has been offered and a postal address of the recipient who is expected to receive the gift, as the information on the recipient.

16. (Currently Amended) A gift mediation method of implementing gift mediation via a network through access to data storage means, which is provided on a server and stores predetermined data therein,

said gift mediation method comprising the steps of:

storing registry of information on a recipient, who is expected to receive gift, together with individual information used for authentication on the network in a predetermined storage device of said server;

storing ~~a password~~ passwords used to authenticate ~~a giver~~ givers who desires to give the gift on the network in said storage device of said server;

identifying the individual information in response to a requirement for access via the network and giving authorization to access said data storage means via the network when

identity with at least part of the individual information registered in said storage device is verified;

registering a wish list including at least one item for the gift into said data storage means by the authorized access;

wherein the password used to authenticate ~~the~~ each giver is registered by a registrant of the wish list and transmitted to ~~the~~ that giver, so as to allow secure access to the wish list by ~~the~~ that giver without ~~the~~ that giver's registration;

the method further comprising allowing the wish list to be referred to by the ~~giver~~ givers, via the network, when ~~the~~ each giver that receives the password for that giver stored in said storage device, registered by the registrant of the wish list, inputs the password for that giver via the network.

the method further comprising

receiving an offer of partial payment for a displayed specific item from a first giver accessing using the password transmitted to that first giver and offers of partial payment for the specific item by other givers accessing using passwords respectively transmitted to those givers;

including

invoicing said first giver and said other givers for the partial payments offered by the first giver and said other givers, respectively, when the partial payments total add up to a total price for the specific item; and

causing the specific item to be sent to the recipient upon payment of the partial payments, adding up to the total price for the specific item, by the first giver and the other givers.

17. (Currently Amended) A gift mediation system that implements gift mediation via a network through access to data storage means, which is provided on a server and stores predetermined data therein,

said gift mediation system comprising:

memory means that stores registry of information on a recipient, who is expected to receive gift, together with individual information used for authentication on the network;

authentication means that authenticates ~~a giver~~ givers who desires to give the gift on the network;

first permission means that identifies the individual information in response to a requirement for access via the network and gives authorization to access said data storage means via the network when identity with at least part of the individual information registered in said memory means is verified;

wish list registry means that specifies a wish list including at least one item for the gift, based on information regarding items other than the predetermined data stored in said data

storage means, after the access authorized by said first permission means, and registers information on the specified wish list in said data storage means;

wherein the ~~password~~ passwords used to authenticate the ~~giver~~ givers are registered by a registrant of the wish list and transmitted to the ~~giver~~ givers, so as to allow secure access to the wish list by the ~~giver~~ givers without the ~~giver's~~ givers' registration;

the system further comprising wish list reference means that allows the wish list to be referred to by the ~~giver~~ givers by access identified on the network by said authentication means in response to the ~~giver~~ givers inputting the password registered by the registrant of the wish list and transmitted to the ~~giver~~ givers,

said gift mediation system further comprising partial payment application means that allows an offer of partial payment for a specific item displayed by said display means to be offered by a first giver accessing using the password transmitted to that first giver and offers of partial payment for the specific item to be offered by other givers accessing using passwords respectively transmitted to those givers;

said partial payment means including

means for invoicing said first giver and said other givers for the respective partial payments offered by the first giver and said other givers when the partial payments total add up to a total price for the specific item; and

means for causing the specific item to be sent to the recipient upon payment of the partial payments, adding up to the total price for the specific item, by the first giver and the other givers.

18. (Original) A gift mediation system in accordance with claim 17, said gift mediation system further comprising:

second permission means that gives authorization to access another data storage means, which is connected to said data storage means via the network, after the authorized access to said data storage means; and

item information acquisition means that obtains information on items stored in said another data storage means, in response to a specified instruction,

wherein said wish list registry means specifies the wish list of the at least one item for the gift, based on the information obtained by said item information acquisition means, and registers the information on the specified wish list in said data storage means.

19. (Previously Presented) A gift mediation system in accordance with claim 18, wherein said item information acquisition means obtains information on description of respective items, as well as information on an address, at which the information on the items is stored in said another data storage means.

20. (Previously Presented) A gift mediation system in accordance with claim 17, wherein said data storage means stores in advance information on items as the predetermined data,

said item information acquisition means obtains both the information on the items stored in advance in said data storage means and the information on the items stored in said another data storage means, and

said wish list registry means registers both the information obtained by said item information acquisition means on a common list in said data storage means.

21. (Original) A gift mediation system in accordance with claim 20, said gift mediation system further comprising:

display means that displays the information registered on the common list in said data storage means in an enumerative manner.

22. (Previously Presented) A gift mediation system in accordance with claim 18, said gift mediation system further comprising:

settlement means that settles an account of each item included in the wish list, whose information is registered by said wish list registry means, between said server managing said data storage means and another server managing said another data storage means via the network.

23. (Original) A gift mediation system in accordance with claim 17, wherein a terminal that gains access to said data storage means via the network is installed at a shop of a retailer who sells items, and

said wish list registry means specifies the wish list of the at least one item for the gift, based on information on items checked at the shop by the recipient who is expected to receive the gift, after access authorized by said terminal, and registers information on the specified wish list in said data storage means.

24. (Currently Amended) A gift mediation method of implementing gift mediation via a network through access to data storage means, which is provided on a server and stores predetermined data therein,

said gift mediation method comprising the steps of:

storing registry of information on a recipient, who is expected to receive gift, together with individual information used for authentication on the network in a predetermined storage device of said server;

authenticating ~~a giver~~ givers who ~~desires~~ desire to give the gift on the network;

identifying the individual information in response to a requirement for access via the network and giving authorization to access said data storage means via the network when identity with at least part of the individual information registered in said memory means is verified;

specifying a wish list including at least one item for the gift, based on information regarding items other than the predetermined data stored in said data storage means, after the authorized access, and registering information on the specified wish list in said data storage means;

wherein ~~a password~~ the passwords used to authenticate the ~~giver is~~ givers are registered by a registrant of the wish list and transmitted to the ~~giver~~ givers, so as to allow secure access to the wish list by the ~~giver~~ givers without the ~~giver's~~ givers' registration;

further comprising allowing the wish list to be referred to by the ~~giver~~ givers, by access identified on the network, when ~~the each~~ each giver provides the password registered by the registrant of the wish list and transmitted to ~~the~~ that giver

receiving an offer of partial payment for a displayed specific item from a first giver accessing using the password transmitted to that first giver and offers of partial payment for the specific item by other givers accessing using passwords respectively transmitted to those givers;

including

invoicing said first giver and said other givers for the respective partial payments offered by the first giver and said other givers when the partial payments total add up to a total price for the specific item; and

causing the specific item to be sent to the recipient upon payment of the partial payments, adding up to the total price for the specific item, by the first giver and the other givers.

25. (Currently Amended) A recording medium, in which a program is recorded in a computer readable manner, said program being executed to gain access to data storage means, which is provided on a server and stores predetermined data therein, via a network and register an item for gift in said data storage means,

said program causing a computer to attain the functions of:

obtaining information on items stored in another data storage means by access to said another data storage means that is different from said data storage means, in response to a predetermined instruction;

specifying a wish list including at least one item for the gift, based on the obtained information, and registering information on the specified wish list in said data storage means; and

in conjunction with specifying the wish list, registering at least one giver, including a first giver and other givers, by the registrant of the wish list and transmitting, to the at least one giver, password information to be used to authenticate the at least one giver, so as to allow secure access to the wish list by the giver without the giver's registration

receiving an offer of partial payment for a displayed specific item from the first giver accessing using the password transmitted to that first giver and offers of partial payment for the specific item by other givers accessing using passwords respectively transmitted to those givers;

invoicing said first giver and said other givers for the respective partial payments offered by the first giver and said other givers when the partial payments total add up to a total price for the specific item; and

causing the specific item to be sent to the recipient upon payment of the partial payments, adding up to the total price for the specific item, by the first giver and the other givers.